

City of Joliet Illinois Newsletter

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(815) 724-4000

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(815) 724-4005

Water & Sewer Billing
(815) 724-3820

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(815) 724-4220

Public Works
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WINTER 2020

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF JOLIET, ILLINOIS

City of Joliet Winter Snow Event Guidelines

As the winter season is here and as the possibilities for winter snow storms increase, residents are reminded of the City of Joliet snow removal policies and actions for the 2019-2020 winter season.

Please take caution during any snow storm. If at all possible, please remain home while it is still snowing outside. During snow cleanup operations, the City of Joliet snow plows will inadvertently push snow on sidewalks at intersection corners. This is unavoidable and it is the responsibility of the adjacent residential/

business owner to remove these snow berms from the corners of intersections.

Residents should get their vehicles off the streets until the city crews have had a chance to clear the streets.

Due to the volume of streets to be cleared of snow and the staffing and equipment available, snow plows will not return to streets that had parked cars on them until after the entire snow removal process has been completed. This will be a day or two after the initial snow has been cleared.

Streets

Street plowing operations are performed in the following order:

1. Major Arterial streets, hospital routes, hills, and bridges.
2. Subdivision main routes and collector streets.
3. All remaining subdivision streets.
4. Cul-de-sacs and dead ends.

Note: The City does NOT plow alleys

Snow removal crews work long hours to keep the streets clear and safe. The City asks for everyone's cooperation to help keep streets safe as well. Remember, snowplow trucks cannot stop or turn as readily as most vehicles.

Due to the cost of de-icing materials, it is Roadway Division's Policy to utilize salt on major arterials and subdivision mains at intersections and mid blocks only and utilize a mixture of salt at the intersections only on the subdivision streets. Therefore, it should not be expected that these streets would immediately be clear to pavement.

A mixture of sun and traffic is utilized to help with the de-icing process. Some snow is left on the street after plowing because allowances must be made for manhole lids and other above-pavement obstacles to avoid damaging snow plow blades.

When plowing is required, snow "berms" are created across driveways. The plow operators do not have control over the "snow berms" of snow coming off the edge of the blade. The Roadways Division tries to keep this problem to a minimum.

Snow Parking Ban

On-street parking is prohibited by City Ordinance 16900, Section 19-142, for any snowfall accumulations of 2 inches or more. Parked cars are an obstacle to the snow plows. In addition, plowing around parked cars leaves large areas of snow and ice on the roadways. Once the snow plow trucks have cleared the street by your home or business, you may move your vehicle back to the street.

Some older neighborhoods in Joliet do not have adequate off-street parking options. In those areas residents are encouraged to seek permission from neighbors who have off-street parking spaces and other parking options such as commercial or church parking lots that will allow streets to be clear of vehicles for all snow clearing efforts to be effective.

The Joliet Police Department will have the option of issuing a parking ticket to the owner of a vehicle left on a city street during a snow event as well as having the option of having the vehicle towed, or both. All towing and storage costs will be the responsibility of the vehicle owner.

For more Guidelines, see 'Snow' on page 2

The 2020 United States Census is Coming!

Census Day is April 1, 2020. Everyone counts. The 2020 Census counts every person living in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place. Why should this matter to you and our City? Census data determines the amount of federal money Illinois receives each year to support:

- Infrastructure needs such as construction and repair
- Schools and school districts
- Public safety, emergency preparedness, and hospitals
- Social service programs that provide assistance for senior citizens, veterans and low-income families

- Business decisions to potentially build or expand offices, factories, and stores, which create jobs.

Your privacy is protected. It's against the law for the Census Bureau to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or your household. By law, your responses cannot be used against you and can only be used to produce statistics.

Taking part is your civic duty. Completing the census is mandatory; it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"



The 2020 Census will be easier than ever. In 2020, you will be able to respond to the census online. For more information, you may visit these websites: 2020census.gov or joliet.gov/residents/2020-census.

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Chemicals used in Snow Fighting

The City of Joliet utilizes a mixture of salt brine, organic liquids and calcium chloride in the fight against snow accumulation and freezing on the roadways. This combination allows for the material to be effective down to temperatures in the single digits.

In addition, this mixture is less corrosive to the streets, vehicles, and vegetation within the City of Joliet.

Residents should expect to see a brownish residue on the streets as opposed to the white residue. As with the salt, this material is easily washed off vehicles.

During Snowfall Events

The City of Joliet Roadways Division will mobilize its crews when there is a measurable accumulation of snowfall or if the winter mix is causing a hazardous driving situation such as freezing rain.

The Roadways Division is responsible for over 600 Centerline Miles of roadway with a fleet of 38 snow plow trucks and a crew of 40 employees.

Joliet has a goal of clearing all streets within 24 hours after the snow stops falling. Heavier snows often take longer to clear.

Shoveling Guidelines

The following are shoveling guidelines for City of Joliet residents and commercial property owners.

- Commercial property owners are responsible for plowing commercial parking lots, driveways, and public sidewalks adjoining their businesses.
- Residential property owners are responsible for shoveling or plowing public sidewalks adjoining their homes.
- Shoveling snow into the street is a city code violation.
- Shovel out fire hydrants that are in or around your property and around meters to aid utility meter readers.
- Clear sidewalks of snow for the safety of pedestrians and children walking to school.
- Uncover your mailbox and create a path for postal vehicles to pull up to mailboxes.
- Help your neighbors. For many residents, age or medical conditions make it difficult to shovel snow.

Mailboxes

The City of Joliet Roadways Division makes every effort to clear the roads from curb to curb where cars are not parked on the street. In many cases of wet snow, the snow or plow blade may damage/remove mailboxes that are set close to the street. This is unavoidable. Mailbox damage complaints will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. If you have mailbox damage please call (815) 724-3651 and if you have sod damage, please call (815) 724-3652.



Happy Holidays from the Mayor & Joliet City Council

The Mayor and City Council hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and are looking forward to a great New Year in 2020! Front Row (L-R) Councilwoman Bettye Gavin, Councilwoman Jan Hallums Quillman, Councilwoman Sherri Reardon. Back Row (L-R) Councilman Don "Duck" Dickinson, Councilman Larry Hug, Mayor Bob O'Dekirk, Councilman Terry Morris, Councilman Pat Mudron and Councilman Mike Turk.

2020 Election Information – Key Dates to Remember

GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

February 6, 2020 - First Day of Early Voting

February 18, 2020 - Last Day to Register to Vote in person or by mail

March 1, 2020 - Last Day to Register to Vote online

March 12, 2020 - Last Day to Request a Vote by Mail Ballot

March 17, 2020 - General Primary Election Day

The General Primary Election is coming up on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. This election decides the Democratic and Republican candidates for the General Election to be held in November of 2020.



You can vote in the General Primary Election by either early voting, mail or Election Day voting in person.

For information about voting by mail, early voting times and locations, and for hours of voting on Election Day and precinct locations Joliet residents who reside in Will County can go online to thewillcountyclerk.

com or call (815) 740-4615 and Joliet residents who reside in Kendall County can go online to co.kendall.il.us/voter-registration or call (630) 553-4104.

Winter Preparedness Kits

VEHICLE:

- Cell phone and charger
- Blankets/sleeping bag
- Flashlight and batteries
- First Aid Kit
- High calorie non-perishable food
- Extra clothing
- Windshield scraper
- Battery booster cable
- GPS or maps

WORK AND HOME:

- Battery powered NOAA weather radio
- Extra food and water
- Extra prescription medication
- First aid supplies
- Emergency heat source (wood stove, fireplace, space heater)
- Food, water, and shelter for pets
- Sand or kitty litter
- Shovel

If you must travel, make sure your gas tank is full and you have a survival kit in your vehicle. Tell your family and friends where you are going, the roads you plan on taking, and your expected time of arrival.

If you become stranded on the road during a winter storm call for help. Do not try to walk to safety. Stay in your vehicle and attach a cloth to the antenna or window to indicate you need help.

Turn on the dome light and flashers to make your vehicle more noticeable.



Call for Nominations: Annual Joliet Historic Preservation Award

The City of Joliet bestows an Annual Joliet Historic Preservation Award that recognizes properties that have undergone recent exterior and/or interior preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, adaptive use, or sympathetic additions as well as people who exhibit dedication to the field of historic preservation.

Nominations for this award are due March 1, 2020. Nomination forms can be found on the City's Historic Preservation Commission website at joliet.gov/government/boards-commissions/joliet-historic-preservation-commission or can be picked up in the Community Development Department at City Hall, 150 W. Jefferson St., Joliet, IL.

For more information, please contact Jayne M. Bernhard, Secretary to the Joliet Historic Preservation Commission at (815) 724-4052 or via email at jbernhard@joliet.gov.

El Boletín de la ciudad de Joliet está disponible en español

Para ver una copia del boletín en español, por favor visita pagina.joliet.gov/residents/city-newsletters

Stay Connected with What's Happening in the City of Joliet

WEBSITE:

www.joliet.gov

TWITTER:

[@TheCityofJoliet](https://twitter.com/TheCityofJoliet)

FACEBOOK:

- City of Joliet, Illinois, Government
- Joliet Police Department
- Joliet Fire Department

Staying up to date with what's going on in our City is a perfect way to be involved. Check out these digital options that will help to keep you informed.

RETHINK WATER:

Selection of a New Water Source

How much do you know about Joliet's current water situation? We want to know so that we can identify the best means to communicate the results of the City's alternative water source study with residents. Help us out by taking a quick two-minute survey. Visit surveymonkey.com/r/RethinkWaterJoliet to access the survey.



Phase II study results were presented to the Environmental Commission and City Council in November at a Joint Meeting. Following selection of the water source, Joliet will move forward with design and construction of the new system such that a new water source is online by 2030.

To keep up to date, please visit the website that was developed specifically for this project: RethinkWaterJoliet.org

Do you have a lawn irrigation system, pool or hot tub?

Did you know that if you have a lawn irrigation system, pool, hot tub, large boiler or fire suppression system, you could be unintentionally compromising your water supply? Backflow devices are required to prevent cross contamination. It is important that these devices are installed and inspected annually to make sure they are working properly. Why?

- If you have an irrigation system, contaminants can enter your system from fertilizer or pesticides that are sprayed onto lawns.
- If you have a large boiler or fire suppression system, stagnant water can become trapped. A system failure or shock (water main break, leak, hydrant flushing or use) can cause the stagnant or contaminated water to back-up into the public drinking water supply.

A Reduced Pressure Zone or RPZ Valve will prevent this from occurring. For these reasons, Illinois State Law requires the use of an RPZ as outlined in the Illinois State Plumbing Code. The law not only requires the use of an RPZ device, but the device must also be tested every year by a licensed plumber with a Cross Connection Certification License. Once the RPZ is tested, the certification paperwork is forwarded by the plumber to the City.

The City of Joliet is conducting a survey to identify properties with a backflow device or reduced pressure zone (RPZ) valve. Notice of the survey was sent out to every resident and business owner, as an insert in their water bill. We are asking that residents go online to complete



the survey at backflow.com/JOLIET. The survey is available in both English and Spanish. The water bill insert, with a link to the survey is also available on the City's website at joliet.gov/departments/public-utilities/sprinkler-system-back-flow-prevention. It is important that water customers do their part to protect the City's water supply from cross-contamination.

Summer Jobs and Internships

Even though it's winter, it is never too early to begin thinking of a summer job or internship opportunity.

The City lists its temporary job opportunities for the summer in the March and April timeframe.

Over the years we have had opportunities in many different departments. For further information regarding these opportunities as well as other City positions, please visit our website at joliet.gov/departments/human-resources/current-job-opportunities.

2020 Martin Luther King Day of Service January 20, 2020

ANNIVERSARY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY; UNITING AMERICANS IN NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

Monday, January 20, 2020 marks the anniversary of the Martin Luther King, Jr. federal holiday. Across the country Americans will answer Dr. King's call to action: "What are you doing for others?" by joining in volunteer efforts to serve their neighbors and communities.



Students, political and community leaders, nonprofit, faith-based, educational, neighborhood organizations and individuals in Joliet/Will County will complete community projects that day, including painting, beautifying schools, serving meals, and providing voter registration and much more. Residents of all ages and backgrounds will help advance Dr. King's vision of equality and opportunity for all by making the holiday a "Day On, Not A Day Off"—and the beginning of an ongoing commitment to serve throughout the year.

In the past 14 Years, there have been 17,110 Hours of Service donated to 318 Community Projects. 750-1000 people volunteer for this service project every year. Please consider donating your time to this worthy cause this year.

Nonprofit organizations are asked to submit their 3-hour project requests online no later than January 3, 2020. Visit website jths.org and click on the MLK Day of Service Announcement near the bottom of the webpage.

Volunteers can also register online at website jths.org. Click on the MLK Day of Service Announcement near the bottom of the webpage.

Contact Ericka Williams at (815) 724-1142 or ewilliams@cc-doj.org with questions.

Schedule of Events - January 20, 2020

Joliet Central High School Student Center 201 E. Jefferson St, Joliet, Free parking is available in the school lots	Program Launch Breakfast 8:30 - 8:50 a.m.
Volunteer Registration: 7:30-8:30 a.m.	Projects Completed: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
	Project Recap and Lunch 12 p.m.- 1 p.m.

Joliet Police Battle Buddy Program

The Joliet Police department has developed a Battle Buddy program also known as the Joliet Police Veteran's assistance program. The program was developed in order to assist Veterans who may be despondent, suicidal or in need of any referral assistance through the department.

Three years ago, Officers began noticing an uptick in calls from distressed veterans. The Joliet Police Department created the Battle Buddy program, named after a U.S. Army initiative that pairs soldiers together during training to assist each other in and out of combat. The Battle Buddy program works similarly, making sure that whenever possible Police Officers with military experience are dispatched on 911 calls from or about veterans who need help.

Officers who are military veterans can be more empathetic to needs of a Veteran and can relate to their experiences with deployments, training and hardships they have gone through.

Participation in the program is voluntary. Officers who join the program undergo "critical incident" training to learn how to respond to and interact with people who may be suffering from mental illness. Upon completing the training, officers are added to a list that's given to emergency dispatchers, who ask every caller whether they (or the person they're calling about) served in the military.

If a call comes into the dispatch center, dispatchers are



**Joliet Police
Battle
Buddy
Program**



trained to tactfully ask if the subject is a Veteran. If so, the dispatcher will call for a Battle Buddy Officer who may be working. If a Battle Buddy Officer is not working, an Officer in the program will follow up with the Veteran at a future date.

Currently there are 18 Battle Buddies within the Police department who have collectively responded to various calls from veterans so far this year. The shared experience of serving in the military usually makes responding easier. Veterans are typically more comfortable opening up to officers who seem to understand them.

There is a stigma attached to mental illness and suicide, especially with military veterans, who think they should be able to stand on their own two feet. We want to get the message out that it is a strength to ask for help.

If you would like more information or have questions regarding the Battle Buddy program, feel free to contact us at jpdbattlebuddy@joliet.gov.

City of Joliet Reminds Residents to Change Smoke Alarm and Carbon Monoxide Detector Batteries When You Turn Clocks "Forward" on March 8, 2020



CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS - CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES

The City of Joliet reminds residents that when they adjust their clocks due to Daylight Saving Time on Sunday, March 8, 2020, which begins at 2 a.m. to also change the batteries in their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

Batteries in smoke alarms should be changed at least twice a year.

The peak time for home fire fatalities is between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. when most families are asleep. Smoke alarm maintenance is a simple, effective way to reduce home fire deaths.

A working smoke alarm can give your family the extra seconds you need to get out of a home fire safely. In addition, families should plan and practice their home fire escape plan, knowing "two ways out" and how they would assist children and those who may require assistance.

THE FOLLOWING SAFETY TIPS ABOUT SMOKE ALARMS COULD SAVE LIVES:

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home. For extra safety install smoke alarms both inside and outside any sleeping areas, especially if you sleep with your bedroom door closed.
- Keep smoke alarms clean. Dust can interfere with how your smoke alarm works. Regularly vacuum over your smoke alarm.
- The "chirping" noise you may hear could mean your battery is low. Replace the battery right away.
- Replace your smoke alarms about every 10 years. They do wear out, so write the purchase date with a marker on the back of your smoke alarm. That way you know when it should be replaced.
- Don't forget to make changing the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors a priority as Spring approaches. Your family's safety and health depend on it.

Frequently Asked Questions About Garbage & Recycling

Waste Management is the City of Joliet's garbage, recycling and yard waste contractor. If you have any questions about your service or what can or can't be thrown out, please call (815) 280-7854. You can also visit wm.com or joliet.gov/residents/garbage-recycling for more information.

When does yard waste pickup start in 2020?

Yard Waste Pickup will begin on your regular garbage date starting the week of March 9, 2020 and the last pickup will be on regular scheduled garbage days during the week ending on Friday, December 11, 2020.

How do I dispose of my live Christmas tree?

Please place it at the curb after Christmas on your regular garbage day. If it is over 5 feet in length, please cut it in half.

My recycling, garbage or yard waste wasn't picked up today. Who do I call?

Were your items curbside before 7 a.m. of your collection day? Did the driver leave any tags on the items that weren't picked up? If your items were out before 7 a.m. on your collection day and there is no tag on your items, please contact Waste Management at (815) 280-7854 to report that your items were not picked up.

What do I do if I have a TV, electronics, old cans of paint, pesticides, motor oil, swimming pool chemicals, syringes or other household hazardous wastes?

If you have these items, do NOT place them in the regular trash bins. Instead reach out to Waste Management's At Your Door Special Collection service to schedule a free home collection for residents that pay for municipal waste on their water and sewer bills. To learn more, residents can go to wmatyourdoor.com

Please remember to put your carts in the parkway, not the street and do not park in front of them. It is hazardous to place garbage carts in the street and it can block snow plows, street sweepers, emergency vehicles, and other vehicles.

or call (800) 449-7587. All liquids must be placed in a sealed, non-leaking container and syringes/needles must be placed inside of a sealed, rigid, puncture-resistant container. Residents who do not pay for municipal waste on their water and sewer bills can go to willcountygreen.com for information about free electronics and household hazardous waste drop off options.

Can I place an old couch or mattress curbside for pick-up?

Yes, these items are part of weekly collection as long as they are pest and moisture free. If moisture is predicted in the forecast your couch or mattress would need to be covered in plastic in order to prevent it from getting wet. If your mattress gets wet or contains pests you can call Got Junk at 1-800-GOT-JUNK or 1-800 468-5865 to schedule a pickup for a fee.

If you own a King or Cali King mattress please fold in half and tie as it is easier for a driver to pick up that way. It is a good idea to call Waste Management to let the driver know that these items will be placed curbside on your pick up day in-case further preparation may be required for your item to be collected. Contact Waste Management at (815) 280-7854.

How can I dispose of an old white goods item?

For the disposal of white goods such as hot water heaters, refrigerators, stoves, freezers, etc. you can schedule a white goods pick up by contacting Waste Management at (815) 280-7854. All doors need to be removed from refrigerators and freezers and water needs to be drained out of water heaters. This is part of the weekly pickup and no additional fees are charged.

How do I dispose of an old water softener?

Prior to placing curbside on your regularly scheduled collection day this item will need to be drained of all water and/or salt for your Waste Management driver to pick up.

How do I dispose of an old toilet?

Please remove the tank and all water out of the toilet and bag it with your regular garbage on your collection day. Please separate into 2 pieces so the bowl and tank are separate.

Will Waste Management pick up old carpet rolls?

Yes, as long as they are cut into 4 foot sections, and bound with twine or tape and are free of moisture. Bound carpet rolls cannot exceed 50 lbs. per bundle.

I've got tree stumps, old landscaping bricks, fencing and whole trees to be disposed. Will Waste Management take these items?

No, please contact the Will County Land Use Division at (815) 727-8834 or go to their website at willcountygreen.com/recycling_centers.aspx to find out where these items can be taken to for disposal within Will County.

See 'Garbage' on page 6

2020 Waste Management Holiday Schedule

The City of Joliet has contracted with Waste Management, Inc., to provide collection service for garbage, recyclables, and yard waste (during yard waste season) throughout the City of Joliet on 5 different days of the week.

On certain holidays, the collection service does not occur on the scheduled day, but collection service resumes on the following day.

The Holiday Collection Schedule for 2020 is listed below. If you have any questions concerning the schedule or your pick-up day, please contact Waste Management at (815) 280-7854.

CUT ALONG DOTTED LINE AND POST ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR

Day	Date	Holiday	Schedule
Wednesday	January 1	New Years Day*	Wednesday-Friday One Day Late
Monday	January 20	Martin Luther King	No Change/Regular Schedule
Monday	February 17	President's Day	No Change/Regular Schedule
Friday	April 10	Good Friday	No Change/Regular Schedule
Monday	May 25	Memorial Day*	One Day Late All Week
Saturday	July 4	Independence Day	No Change/Regular Schedule
Monday	September 7	Labor Day*	One Day Late All Week
Monday	October 12	Columbus Day	No Change/Regular Schedule
Wednesday	November 11	Veteran's Day	No Change/Regular Schedule
Thursday	November 26	Thanksgiving*	Thurs./Fri. Pickup 1 Day Late
Friday	December 25	Christmas*	Friday Pickup Will Be 1 Day Late
Friday	Jan. 1, 2021	New Year's Day*	Friday Pickup Will Be 1 Day Late

* The only holidays that will affect regularly scheduled pick up days in 2020.

Embrace winter with the Forest Preserve District of Will County

Step outside this winter to explore all that the Forest Preserve District of Will County has to offer in the region. The Forest Preserve District provides year-round programming at sites located throughout the county. A full calendar of events and a list of recreational opportunities can be found at ReconnectWithNature.org. Some of the upcoming programs being offered this winter in the Joliet area include:

January 3 and January 4 » 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

EAGLE WATCH

Four Rivers Environmental Education Center, 25055 W. Walnut Lane, off of Blackberry Lane south of Bridge Street, Channahon. Four Rivers is a favorite hangout of bald eagles during the colder months. Celebrate these fascinating birds of prey with guided hikes, indoor viewing scopes, family activities and more.

January 24 » 6 - 8 p.m.

OWL HIKE FOR FAMILIES!

Four Rivers Environmental Education Center
Meet inside the center for a brief introduction, and then head outside to explore McKinley Woods as participants quietly listen for this magical and elusive bird and other creatures of the night. Be prepared to walk 1.5 miles. Register by January 22 by calling (815) 722-9470.

January 25 » 1:30 - 3 p.m.

WINTER WONDER WALK

Isle a la Cache Museum, 501 E. Romeo Road/135th Street, Romeoville

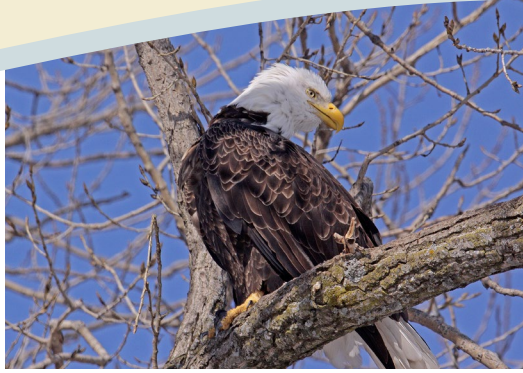


Photo By Paul Dacko

Explore the wonders of winter on this guided nature hike. Bundle up and head out on an adventure exploring the island and shores of the Des Plaines River. Finish the walk enjoying some hot cocoa and a fire at Traders Cabin. Register by January 23 at (815) 886-1467.

February 7 » 6 - 7 p.m.

HOOT HIKE

Isle a la Cache Museum
Discover whooo is a regular nighttime visitor at Isle a la Cache. Learn about owls - what to look and listen for - and then go out on a naturalist-led hike in search of our feathered friends. Registration is required, call (815) 886-1467.

March 7 » 1 - 2 p.m.

FAMILY FUN HIKE AT LAKE RENWICK

Lake Renwick Heron Rookery Nature Preserve, Renwick Road, east of Route 30/Lincoln Highway, Plainfield.
Bring your family outside to hike through the woods along the water at the preserve with a naturalist. Try some fun wintertime activities at designated stops along the way. Registration is required, call (815) 886-1467 to register.

Those are just a few of the ways you can enjoy the great outdoors this winter and all year long at Forest Preserve sites. For more information on these activities and preserves, or to register for a program or get a dog park permit, visit ReconnectWithNature.org or call (815) 727-8700.

2020 Joliet City Council Meeting Schedule

Meetings of the Joliet City Council are held in the Council Chambers of the Joliet Municipal Building, 150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL 60432. All meetings are open to the public.

PRE-COUNCIL MEETINGS

1st and 3rd Mondays at 5:30 p.m. except as noted*

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| • JANUARY 6 | • JULY 6 |
| • JANUARY 21* | • JULY 20 |
| • FEBRUARY 3 | • AUGUST 3 |
| • FEBRUARY 18* | • AUGUST 17 |
| • MARCH 2 | • AUGUST 31 |
| • MARCH 16 | • SEPTEMBER 14 |
| • APRIL 6 | • OCTOBER 5 |
| • APRIL 20 | • OCTOBER 19 |
| • MAY 4 | • NOVEMBER 2* |
| • MAY 18 | • NOVEMBER 16 |
| • JUNE 1 | • NOVEMBER 30 |
| • JUNE 15 | • DECEMBER 14 |

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. except as noted*

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| • JANUARY 7 | • JULY 7 |
| • JANUARY 21* | • JULY 21 |
| • FEBRUARY 4 | • AUGUST 4 |
| • FEBRUARY 18* | • AUGUST 18 |
| • MARCH 3 | • SEPTEMBER 1 |
| • MARCH 17 | • SEPTEMBER 15 |
| • APRIL 7 | • OCTOBER 6 |
| • APRIL 21 | • OCTOBER 20 |
| • MAY 5 | • NOVEMBER 2* |
| • MAY 19 | • NOVEMBER 17 |
| • JUNE 2 | • DECEMBER 1 |
| • JUNE 16 | • DECEMBER 15 |

Both Pre-Council and Council meetings are regular meetings for purposes of the Open Meetings Act.

* Meetings on January 21 and February 18 are combined Pre-Council and Council meetings and will be held on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. The Meeting held on November 2 will be a combined Pre-Council and Council meeting and will be held on Monday at 5:30 p.m.

Meetings will be held in an accessible location. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (815) 724-3780.

Live, online streaming of Regular City Council and Pre-Council meetings is now available at joliet.gov.

Videos and agenda packets can be accessed by clicking on the link at the center of the home page for "Meetings and Agendas." The page includes archived footage and interactive agendas available for the public to view at their convenience.

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My neighbors moved out and left a mountain of garbage and furniture curbside and Waste Management didn't pick it up, who do we contact?

To report large amounts of garbage or move out/eviction piles of junk within a City parkway contact the City Hall Information Desk at (815) 724-4000.

My garbage/recycling toter has been damaged. How do I get it repaired or replaced?

Call Waste Management at (815) 280-7854 to make arrangements to have it repaired or a new container delivered and the damaged one(s) picked up, free of charge.

How do I dispose of old mulch and dirt?

Mulch and dirt should go in the garbage toter, not the yard waste toter.

How do I dispose of old boxes?

Boxes need to be completely broken down and bundled into no more than 50 lb. bundles and placed curbside on your scheduled collection day. Do not ever place a box with garbage inside of it curbside. Your Waste Management driver will not pick it up.

I have a lot of garbage from a family party. Can I put some bagged garbage next to my toter?

Yes, if you have more than a toter's worth of garbage, you can place additional bags of garbage next to your garbage toter and Waste Management will pick that up. All additional garbage should be properly contained in garbage bags.

How do I dispose of my old grill, charcoal or gas?

Grills are considered garbage. Before placing curbside, they should be free of any charcoal debris, or gas/propane cylinders.

How do I dispose of shredded paper?

Shredded paper must be placed in a paper bag first, then placed in your recycling cart. Shredded loose paper or paper placed in a plastic bag will contaminate all the other materials in your recycling cart and must be thrown in the trash if not placed in a paper bag.

Library Events



All programs are free to attend. For more information or to register visit jolietlibrary.org or call (815) 740-2660.

Ottawa Street Branch: 150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet • **Black Road Branch:** 3395 Black Rd., Joliet

January 18 » 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

USING THE CENSUS FOR FAMILY GENEALOGY

Ottawa Street Branch

All ages with adult

Historian Tina Beaird will give some hints about how to use the census to find information about your family history.

January 20 » 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

MLK DAY PEACE CRAFTS

Black Road Branch, All ages

Drop by to make a peace craft in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 20, February 10 » 6:30

p.m.-8 p.m.

GENEALOGY CLUB

Ottawa Street Branch

Adults

Join us for an evening of sharing information on genealogy research.

January 22, February 19 » 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

ANIME CLUB

Black Road Branch

Grades 8-12

Come watch some anime and talk about manga. Snacks and fun provided.

January 24 » 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

BINGO!

Ottawa Street Branch

Adults, 18+ only

Wait for your numbers to be called and mingle with friends at Bingo.

February 5 » 4 p.m.-5 p.m.

VIRTUAL REALITY GAMING

Ottawa Street Branch

Grades 7-12

Explore VR for the first time or just come out to play with others.

February 6 » 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

VALENTINE BINGO

Ottawa Street Branch

Children of all ages with adult

Love is in the air! Enjoy a special evening of bingo and Valentine crafts.

February 11 » 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

DROP-IN ELEPHANT AND PIGGIE DAY!

Ottawa Street Branch

Preschoolers with an adult

Celebrate everyone's favorite

friends, Elephant & Piggie.

February 13 » 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

CLUEDUNNIT

Black Road Branch

Grades 3-6

Use your detective skills to follow the trail of clues and find the culprit.

February 12 » 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

MAKE YOUR OWN STICKERS

Black Road Branch

Grades 5-7

Use Diamond Dots to create stickers for your phone, notebook, or laptop.

February 14 » 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

DROP-IN ADULT VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

Ottawa Street Branch

Adults

Stop by the Burnham room and play fun carnival style games with us.

February 15 » 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

THE CENSUS AND CHANGING NEIGHBORHOODS IN JOLIET

Ottawa Street Branch

All ages with adult

Local historian Mary Beth Gannon will paint a historical picture of the neighborhoods of Joliet throughout the years as shown through census materials.

February 26 » 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

ESCAPE ROOM

Black Road Branch

Grades 5-12

Race against the clock and see if your team can be the first to escape the room.

February 27 » 4:30 p.m.-5:30

p.m.

SUSHI CANDY MAKING

Ottawa Street Branch

Grades 5-7

Come make some gummy fish sashimi and gummy eel sushi.

February 29 » 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

DO GOOD DAY

Black Road Branch and Ottawa Street Branch

All ages

Stop by the Youth Services Department any time to work on projects to spread kindness and compassion in our community.

Upcoming Shows at Rialto Square Theatre

The Rialto Square Theatre is located at 102 N. Chicago St. in downtown Joliet. Opening in 1926, it was originally designed and operated as a vaudeville movie palace, but it now houses musicals, plays, concerts, standup comedy, educational programs and more. For tickets, please go to rialtosquare.com. The Rialto box office hours are 12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday and 12 pm to 7 pm on Tuesday & Friday. For more information, call (815) 726-6600.

January 10 » 7 p.m.

MAGICIAN MICHAEL CARBONARO

Tickets start at \$32.50

Magician and performance bizzarrist Michael Carbonaro is returning to the road with his highly-acclaimed national theater tour, "Michael Carbonaro Live!" He has performed over five-hundred comedically perplexing and improbable feats

of magic on his hit TV series, The Carbonaro Effect on truTV, currently in its fifth season. A trickster at heart, Michael performs inventive tricks on unsuspecting members of the public who are unaware that he is a magician. Whether posing as a coffee shop barista, museum curator, or seemingly unremarkable store clerk in the REAL world, Carbonaro's illusions - along with his absurd, matter-of-fact explanations - leave REAL people bewildered and families at home laughing out loud. You will not just "sit back, relax, and enjoy the show," Michael Carbonaro Live! is jam-packed with audience interaction, hilarious video clips, and a whirlwind of mind-blowing magic performed live on stage. See for yourself why Michael was named "Magician of the Year" by the Academy of Magical Arts and presented with the first-ever "Copperfield Prize," which recognizes an individual for elevating the art of magic.

January 19 » 12 p.m.-4 p.m.

RIALTO SQUARE THEATRE WEDDING EXPO

Tickets: \$10

We are thrilled to host local vendors and future brides in one of the

most spectacular venues in all of Chicagoland. The Bridal Expo gives us the opportunity to connect future brides with some of the best wedding vendors in the area, all while showing off the incredible Rialto Square Theatre.

February 21 » 7 p.m.

RON WHITE

Tickets start at \$49

Comedian Ron "Tater Salad" White is a classic storyteller; relaying tales from his real life, ranging from growing up in a small town in Texas, to sharing stories of his daily life, to becoming one of the most successful comedians in America. Ron rose to fame as the cigar-smoking, scotch-drinking funnyman from the Blue Collar Comedy Tour phenomenon, but since 2004 has established himself as a star in his own right. Over the past nine years he has been one of the top three grossing stand-up comedians on tour in America. During this time, all four of his comedy albums have charted #1 on the BillboardTM Comedy Charts. He is a three time Grammy-nominated comedian, and has sold over 10 million albums (Solo/Blue Collar Comedy Tour).

February 23 » 7:30 p.m.

FINDING NEVERLAND

Tickets start at \$43

The winner of Broadway.com's Audience Choice Award for Best Musical, this breathtaking smash "captures the kid-at-heart," says TIME Magazine. Vogue cheers, "It's a must-see you'll remember for years to come!" Originally directed by visionary Tony®-winner Diane Paulus and based on the critically-acclaimed Academy Award® winning film, FINDING NEVERLAND tells the incredible story behind one of the world's most beloved characters: Peter Pan.

February 29 » 8 p.m.

BUDDY GUY

Tickets start at \$45

An American blues guitarist and singer. He is an exponent of Chicago blues and has influenced eminent guitarists including Eric Clapton, Jimi Hendrix, Jimmy Page, Keith Richards, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Jeff Beck, Gary Clark Jr. and John Mayer. In the 1960s, Guy played with Muddy Waters as a house guitarist at Chess Records and began a musical partnership with the harmonica player Junior Wells.

March 6 » 7:30 p.m.

HAIRBALL

Tickets start at \$27.50

A band puts on a concert - Hairball puts on an event! Hairball is a Rock & Roll experience you won't soon forget. The lights, sound, smoke, fire, bombs, and screaming hordes of avid fans...to merely call it a concert would be like calling Mount Rushmore a roadside attraction! Vocalists Joe, Kris and Bobby lead the band through a 2+ hour, mind-blowing, and drop-dead accurate homage to some of the biggest arena acts in the world. Van Halen, KISS, Motley Crue, Queen, Journey, and Aerosmith are but a few of the acts fans will see brought to life. The Hairball stage becomes an entirely new rock concert before your very eyes countless times throughout the night.

March 7 » 8 p.m.

COUNTRY UNPLUGGED

Tickets start at \$29.50

Country music icons, Joe Diffie, Mark Chesnutt, & David Lee Murphy are taking the stage together for one unforgettable night of classic 90's country hits. All three will take the stage together and play their hits, tell stories, and more.

Winter Events at Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park & Theatre

We have the cure for cabin fever! Check out the events for kids and those young at heart. Parking is free. Location: 201 West Jefferson Street. Call (815) 724-3761 for questions or go to bicentennialpark.org. Volunteer opportunities available.

January 18 » 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

CLASS ACT YOUTH DRAMA CLASSES
\$65 grades 1st-5th & \$75 grades 6th-12th
Over 6 Saturdays, our younger class learns the basics of theatre and presents a one act play for the finale. Our older class focuses on auditions, improv and character analysis.

January 18 » 7 p.m.

EMERGING PLAYWRIGHT FESTIVAL 2020
Free admission

Local playwrights debut their original stories on stage, from their script to live performance. Come cast your \$1 vote for your favorite short play.

January 24, February 7 & March 20 » 7-9 p.m.

IMPROV UNCORKED FEATURING "WE'VE SAID WORSE"

Free admission

Get your laughs on! A fun night of theatre improv by adults and teens. Some mature content. Concessions and cash bar available.

February 1 » 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.
"70 X 7"

\$5 admission

KDG Greater Entertainment presents an original live drama about forgiveness.

Winter Fun With the Joliet Park District

Looking for something to do this winter, go to Joliet Park District website at jolietpark.org or call (815) 741-7275 to find out about classes and events that are being offered or ice skating hours. Want to start a new year's resolution, join the Inwood Athletic Club at 3000 W. Jefferson St. There are new offerings for 2020 on their website for children, adults, and special recreation. The Joliet Park District has over 50 community parks, 3 golf courses, Nowell Park Recreation Center, an ice skating rink, and the Inwood Athletic Club. Just a few of the many activities include the following:

Weigh-in: January 20 - 21 (5 a.m. - 8 p.m.)
Weigh-out: March 4 - 5 (5 a.m. - 8 p.m.)
DONATE YOUR WEIGHT

Inwood Athletic Club Community Room,
3000 W. Jefferson St.

Registration is Free

The Joliet area is always up for a challenge! Last year, the Joliet Park District asked the community to unite for a good cause and donate their weight (loss). The participants answered the call for help with a record number of participants and the highest return rate to date. The challenge is on

again and we need the community to come together, get healthier and help a great cause. This year, the amount of weight lost will be donated in dollars to SRJC (Special Recreation of Joliet and Channahon). It feels good to get healthier, and it feels great to give.

Prize: Top male and female participant, based on highest percentage of body weight lost, will win a prize package that includes an Inwood Athletic Club annual membership and club locker room membership. All those that weigh in and out will receive an Inwood Athletic Club t-shirt. Participants may not win in consecutive years. Every pound can "make a difference." Cash donations for SRJC are also accepted at any Joliet Park District desk.

February 15 » 12 - 3 p.m.

GRANDPARENTS' VALENTINES CELEBRATION DAY

Kathy Green Multi-Purpose Center (Gym),
3000 W. Jefferson St.

For Ages: 3+

\$20 couple | \$10 add'l child | \$5 add'l grandparent

Who doesn't love spending time with their special Nana or Poppy? This day is filled with love and fun. There will be music, crafts, bounce houses, movement activities, games, contests, lunch and dessert. Come spend the afternoon with your very first Valentine.

February 14-16 & 21-23 » 7:30 p.m.
Fridays & Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays
"NEXT TO NORMAL"

\$15 adults/ \$13 students & seniors
Joliet Drama Guild presents the musical drama exploring how one suburban household copes with crisis and mental illness. Website: thejolietdramaguild.com or call (779) 227-5172 for more information.

February 25 » 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.

2ND ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION: "GUIDING US TO BETTER PLACES"

\$5/ \$3 for groups of 10 or more

Featuring the life of Harriet Tubman by KDG Greater Entertainment.

March 21 » 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

"LIGHT THE FIRE" WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE

\$15

Learn from women professionals in the fields of finance, media and politics. Interact and network with professionals in local and regional businesses during our cocktail hour. Lunch is provided. Call to reserve.

March 21 » 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

FROM SAP TO SYRUP

Pilcher Park Nature Center, 2501 Highland Park Dr.
Ages 13+ \$8 per person or 12 and under \$6
Enjoy pancakes, sausage, and 100% pure maple syrup. Come for maple syrup making and tree tapping demonstrations. Breakfast is available for the entire length of the program. When purchasing tickets online, choose a purchaser and click on ENROLLMENT OPTIONS to make your purchase.

JOLIET PARK DISTRICT PAVILION RENTALS

The Joliet Park District's park pavilions are available on a "first come, first serve" basis and may be reserved in advance for your event. Reservations may be made the first business day after January 1 or rentals taking place in the same calendar year. Park pavilion reservations may be secured at the Inwood Athletic Club front desk for Inwood Park, West Park, Nowell Park, Pilcher Park/ Bird Haven Greenhouse, Heggie Park, Forest Park and Inwood Gazebo. Rentals for the pavilion at Hartman Recreation Center may be scheduled at Hartman Recreation Center. Prices vary. For more information, call (815) 741-7275 ext. 100.

Joliet Historical Museum

The Joliet Area Historical Museum is located at 204 N Ottawa St, Joliet, IL 60432. Free parking is available in the Museum parking lot at the corner of Ottawa and Webster Streets. For more information including museum hours and admission prices, please visit jolietmuseum.org or call (815) 723-5201. Joliet Residents receive \$1 off of all general admission levels.

January 25 » 7:30pm

SKIP GRIPARIS PRESENTS "70'S HEROES OF ROCK!"

Museum Lower Level Auditorium
\$12 Members/Students, \$14 Non-members

February 28 » 7:30pm

GREAT MOMENTS IN VINYL - TRIBUTE TO THE WHO

Museum Lower Level Auditorium
\$10 Members/Students, \$12 Non-members

For more info on upcoming programs & events at the Museum please visit jolietmuseum.org.

Did you know the Joliet Area Historical Museum is an exceptional location for your meetings, parties, receptions and other special events? All Museum Rental Facilities, including the scenic Outdoor Rooftop Terrace, Indoor Auditorium Theater w/stage, Resource & Discovery Room, and Route 66 Visitors Center are handicapped accessible to every floor. For more info go to jolietmuseum.org or call Liz or Jen at (815) 723-5201.

Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce & Industry

February 22 » Opens at 10 a.m.

CONSUMER EXPO & JOB FAIR

Louis Joliet Mall, 3340 Mall Loop Drive
Free to the public

Attend the biggest consumer expo in the Joliet area to discover the vast array of services offered by local businesses. Seeking employment? Visit the job fair wing to meet employers looking to recruit new employees.